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A ſhort Account of the moſt conſiderable News, Foreign and Domeſtick.

*Edinburgh, Monday September 24, 1722.*

*From the Evening Poſt, September 18.*

*Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from Flanders.*

*Rome, Sept.* 5.

LAST Sunday Cardinal Cinfuegos went to the Houſe of the Agent of the Emperor at Lungare, whither the Agent of Spain repaired alſo, and there they had a long Conference together, ſince which Cardinal Aquaviva has diſpatched a Courier to Madrid.

*Venice, Sept.* 11. About the Cloſe of laſt came in here, after a Paſſage of 16 Days, a French Veſſel from Durazo, the Maſter of which relates, that a Baſhaw and a Capigi were arrived there from Conſtantinople, with poſitive Orders to cut off the Heads of the Commanders of the Dulcignots, and burn their Ships; which Order was already begun to be execute, two Dulcignot Captains having been already faſtned with Chains, as a Prelude of their Execution.

*Vienna, Sept.* 12. The Electoral Prince of Bavaria is to arrive here the 5th of next Month, in the Morning; about Noon he will go to the Favorita, and be wedded with the Archdutcheſs Mary Amelia; in the Evening the Nuptials will be celebrated in the Great Hall of the Palace, where the next Day an Opera will be performed; and the 7th in the Morning the new married Couple will be a taking their Leave of the Imperial Court, and will go to that of Munich.

*Genoa, Sept.* 5. Here is Advice from Portmahon, that the Britiſh Men of War now in the Mediterranean are to go and winter in that Port, where ſome more are expected from England.

*Paris, Sept.* 3. The Number of Paſſengers who were to go to Rheims being very great, a new Conveniency is ſet up between that City and this; and tho' the Diſtance is ſcarce 30 Leagues, the Fare is no leſs than 90 Livres each Place, no Woman to be admitted.

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*From the Flying Post.*

*Moscow, August* 21. Major General Honwing, has received Letters dated a Fortnight since from our Emperor, which left him then aboard his Fleet in the Caspian Sea, 30 Leagues from Astracan, making a Voyage in very good Health to Terky. The Infantry was also put on Board, and the Horse were marching thither by Land. His Majesty has forbid all the Officers and Soldiers, to eat any Fruit under severe Penalties, and they have cut off their Hair to preserve their Health. Some hundreds of young Tartars are sent hither to learn all Sorts of Callings.

*Warsaw, Sept.* 3. Most of the Petty Dyets of this Kingdom, have been the Theatres of Confusion and Uproar. They were so hot at Lublin, that they fell to blows, so that they broke up; and the Dominicans, after shutting up their Church, protested they would never suffer a Diet to meet there again; blows were also given on both Sides in the Diet of Swabia, where the Strongest beat the Others out of the Church. There have been Heads broke too at Lenski, only they had the Manners not to fight in the Church. The Diets of Podlachia, Lawsuesk, Mirsch, Chelm and Prosjosick are likewise broke up in a tumultuous Manner, and we are told, that those of Brzsak and Grodno in Lithuania, have been as Mad as the Rest. Three Jews of Visigrod, are brought hither for coining Money.

*From the Weekly Journal.*

Most Extraordinary Preparations are making for the Marriage of the Electoral Prince of Bavaria, and the Cloaths made for him in France for that Solemnity have been pack'd up, to the Amount of 150000 *L. Sterling*; and a Coach is finishing for him, which for its painting and drawing, will be one of the most Magnificent, that ever was seen.

We hear from France, that Foreign Noblemen every Day arrive at that Court, in order to see the Ceremony of the young King's Coronation, which its now said, is put off to the 1st of November.

They write from Marseilles, That they have more and more Hopes of Liberty there every Day, having been a Month under Quarantine, and the whole Province being Healthy. That the Province of Languedoc is actually free from Contagion, and that all Things go well at Orange and Avignon: But the Accounts from Geneva, are much less favourable, for they say all their Advices confirm, That the Plague begins to shew it self again at Marseilles, and that it was much feared, it will shew it self again at Orange.

*From the White-hall Evening Post.*

*Basil, Sept.* 10. We are assured that the *Chevalier de St. George* and his Lady, who are at the Bath of Lucca, will return thence directly to Rome, to pay their Respects to their Benefactor the Pope. The last Letters from Rome give an Account, That 2 Priests were arrived there from M. Norla, being deputed by their Brethren to complain to the Pope, of pretended Insults by the English here, and that soon after the Court of Rome sent a Letter to the Emperor in very moving Terms about that

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Affair. We hear that ſome French Troops are marched to the Sevennes, to compell the Subjects of that Province, to pay the Taxes impoſed on them, in ready Money, and not in Bank Bills as they propoſe. Some Letters from Italy are poſitive, That the Malteſe Cruiſers, had taken three Barbary Rovers near Ancona, in ſight of the Turkiſh Squadron, and that the latter are returned home.

*Hanover, September* 18. This Day Prince Frederick went from hence to Lutzburg, to divert himſelf with Hunting. An Alliance is on Foot between the Kings of Great Britain, Sweden and Denmark.

*Paris, Sept.* 22. The Duke de Noailles has obtained Leave to retire to any Part of this Kingdom; but is forbid to come within 80 Miles of this City.

*Hamburg, Sept.* 18. Letters from Moſcow ſay, That they expect daily to hear of a deciſive Battle between the Muſcovites and 60000 Perſians and Tartars, commanded by the Grand Rebel Mery veis, who was advanced within 6 Leagues of the Czar's Troops.

*Hague, September* 22. Our Squadron which has been cruiſing this Summer againſt the Barbary Rovers, is expected home next Month. Laſt Saturday M. Monſeloh our Envoy Extraordinary arrived here from London.

*London, Sept.* 15. We hear, that my Lord Whitworth's Gentleman of Horſe is ſet out from Bruſſells to Cambray, with 26 fine Horſes for his Excellency, and his grand Coach of State.

Mr. William Morphey, a private Gentleman in his Majeſty's firſt Troop of Horſe Guards, is juſt arrived from the Court of Berlin, whether he had been ſent with 11 tall Men, which he raiſed in Ireland, for the Service of the King of Pruſſia, who was pleaſed to receive them very graciouſly, and preſented him with 300 Ducats of Gold.

Diſpatches from Rome import, That a few Days ago, there was found by digging in ſome Grounds belonging to Count Maziotti, an oriental Alabaſter Cheſt with Figures round it in Baſſo Relievo; which is conjectured to have been the Sepulcher of the Emperor Veſpaſian's Son.

*From the Evening Poſt.*

*London, Sept.* 15. We hear that the Reverend Mr. William Smith, Rector of Meſſonby in the County of Cheſter, has ſent to the Maſters for Building the New Church of Aberdeen, to pay to their order at London, Twenty Guineas for the Uſe of the ſaid Church; and that the Reverend Mr. Samuel Saunders, Miniſter of Burley on the Hill in Rutland, has paid the Sum of Ten Pounds for the ſame Charitable Purpoſe.

*From the London Journal.*

There are Letters which confirm the *Chevalier de St. George's* being gone Poſt from Lucca, but its not known whether.

We hear the poor Upholſterer who lately loſt his Pall, is ſo Angry with the Biſhop, that he has declared, if he or any of his Friends ſhould have Occaſion for an Undertaker he wont ſerve them.

Letters from Staffordſhire, bring the welcome News of a fine Harveſt there, which was all got in well; 'tis added that the Corn both for Quantity and Quality, exceeds their Harveſts for ſeveral Years paſt.

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*From the St. James's Evening Poſt, September 18.*

*Verſailles, September 23.* The King certainly ſets out from hence the 15th of next Month, and that Night lies at Paris, and on the 19th he ſets forwards for Rheims: The Day after the Coronation his Majeſty will hold a Chapter of the Order of the Holy Ghoſt, and Create two new Knights. The Duke of Chartres, and the Count de Charolois; after which the King will ſpend ſome few Days at Chantilly, to which Place *M.* Bezzi is already gone to make the neceſſary Preparations for the Reception of the King, with the outmoſt Splendor and Magnificence.

*Hague, September 26.* Letters from Rome ſay, That the King of France Demands a Cardinals Cape for the Archbiſhop of Rheims, before he puts the Crown upon his Head: And that there's a great many Pretenders for the Cannon's Place of St. Peter's Cathedral, which is vacant by the Death of Abbot Howard of Northfolk: But the Pope has left it to the Chevalier de St. George to name who ſhall be the Man.

Various are the Reports and Rumours about the ſame Chevalier, who 'tis now ſaid continues at Lucca, whereas the Great Duke of Tuſcany has ſent him a Preſent of a Service of Plate for his Table, enough for twenty Perſons, and there are further Advices which ſay, both the Chevalier and his Conſort are returned from Lucca to Urbino. 'Tis confirmed that the Turks have entirely abandoned the Canal of Malta, and 'tis ſaid that 5 of their Men of War are arrived at Modon in the Morea, and that the other 5 are ſailed to the Archipelago. 'Tis ſaid that there's an Offenſive and Deffenſive Alliance upon the Anvil between the Emperor and the King of Great Britain; and they talk of another Alliance on Foot between his Britannick Majeſty and the two Northern Crowns. 'Tis ſaid the Lutherans have ſummoned a Synod to meet at Hydelberg on the 15th Inſtant, to conſider of the deplorable Condition to which their Miniſters have been reduced for theſe 25 Years paſt, and to ſettle a general Collection on Foot for the Maintenance of the Paſtors and Schoolmaſters.

'Tis ſtill ſaid that the Perſian Rebel Meriwys is advantageouſly poſted with 60000 Men upon the Frontiers of Georgia, within ſix Leagues of the Czar of Muſcovy's Army, which is formed in the Neighbourhood of Terki, and that the Czar has cauſed a Road of above eight Miles in Length to be cut thro' the Rocks to facilitate the March of his Horſe towards Derbent. They add that the Czar ſeems to have a Deſign to make himſelf Maſter of the River Doria, which abounds with Gold Duſt, and that all things ſeem diſpoſed to bring on a conſiderable Action between the two Armies.

*London, September 18.* We are informed that the Lord Biſhop of Rocheſter will be try'd by his Peers in Weſtminſter Hall, where a Scaffold will be erected for that Purpoſe. Some Ships which ſailed lately, and were ſaid to be gone on a ſecret Expedition, are gone to the Baltick.

Laſt Sunday an Order was brought to the Tower, but the Contents were not known. The three Priſoners of State have not yet been in the Chapel there.

*From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 18.*

*Paris, Sept. 23.* Prince Kurakin, Ambaſſador of the Czar, will not make his Public Entry before the King return from Rheims. The Duke of Liria, the Prince de Mirandola and divers Spaniſh Lords, are on the Road from Madrid

hither, to see the Coronation of the King. Mr. Dacier, one of the Members of the French Academy, so famous for his learned Works, died the 18th Instant in the Morning.

## Wye's *Letter verbatim, September* 15. 1722.

'TIS wrote from Paris, that on the 19th Instant at Night, the Fort at Versailles was invested, the Trenches were opened the next Day; the Siege is to last till the 3d. Instant, and then it is to be surrendred: This is intended to instruct the young King with the Manner of Proceeding in Sieges in Time of War. 'Tis expected his Majesty will lie at Paris the 15th. of next Month, and set out the next Day for Rheims: The Day after the Coronation, his Majesty will hold a Chapter of the Order of the HOLY GHOST, in which only the Duke de Chartres, and the Count de Charlois are to be made Knights.

Gaming is continued very high at Versailles, a certain Lady won 700 Lowis-D'Ors, at one Sitting off the Duke de Bourbon. On the 20th. the Venetian Ambassadors made their public Entry, and were to have their public Audience on the 23d. at Versailles, and Mr. Massey makes his public Entry the 4 Proximo, as Nuncio from the Pope, who has wrote a Letter to the King of Spain, thanking him for the Offer he has made of defending the Island of Mlta, and the Ecclesiastical Dominions, in case they should be attacked by the Turks. His Holiness has also wrote to the Emperor, to desire him to give his Word, that he will not cause any Act of Hostility to be committed to the Spanish Fleet; but 'tis thought the latter cannot be under any Apprehensions of that Kind from his Imperial Majesty: 'Tis added from Paris, that Mr. Blin a Surgeon in that City, is committed to the Bastile, upon an intercepted Letter, written by him to Foreign Countries; the Fact is under Examination, and perhaps we may have a further Account thereof by the next Mail.

Some People pretend to insinuate, that the Court of Madrid seems somewhat jealous, that the Emperor's Interest is too much listned to at a certain Court. 'Tis said the Great Duke of Tuscany has made a very handsome Present of Silver Plate to the Chevalier de St. George, who its given out was gone with his Spouse from Lucca to Urbino.

The Directors of the East India Company have come to a Resolution to Lower the Dividend on their Stock, from 10 L. to 8 *per Cent.* and on Friday next this Affair will be communicated to the General Court, which is to be then held. This was little expected from such a trading Company, who have had their Ships for several Years past come well home.

There is like to be a great Strugle in the ensuing Election of a Lord Mayor for this City, it being designed by the Tory Party to oppose the Election of Sir Gerard Conyers, on Account as we hear, that he was not regularly elected Alderman.

Last Night several of the Kings Messengers went to Ivy Lane, and searched the House of Mr. Sharp the Printer of the Free-holder's Journal, and seized a considerable Number of those Papers, that were published last Wednesday, wherein it was argued amongst the Rest, that they were Traitors and Enemies to the Nation, that had a Hand in the late fatal Management of the S. Sea Scheme. The Messengers also seized the Form of To-morrows Paper, after obliging Mr. Sharp's Men to print one from the said Form. Mr. Sharp and 2 of his Men were likewise taken into Custody; those seized relating to the Bishop of Rochester's Picture, as mentioned in our last are still detained. The aforenamed Prelat being ill in the Tower, Prayers were put up last Sunday in many of the Churches in the City and Suburbs for his Recovery; his Lordship is permitted to be attended by the Reverend Mr. Hawkins of the Tower.

This Day the Lord Parker, Son to the Lord Chancellour, was married by the Bishop of Norwich, at the Chapel Royal at St. James's to the Eldest of the 2 Daughters and Coheirels of Ralph Lane of Queen Street Esq; with whom its reckoned he will have first and last a Fortune of 100000 *L.*

Yesterday a Cabinet Council was held at Kensington.

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The 6 or 7 Men of War that went on a Secret Expedition ſailed Weſtward. The Letters from Cadix ſay, That the Spaniſh Galleons were expected there in October next. There are 11 State Priſoners in Cuſtody of Mr. Crawford and Mr. Gordon. India 130.

*Edinburgh, Sept.* 24. Thurſday laſt died Sir John Lauder of Fountainhall Baronet, one of the Lords of the Seſſion, a Gentleman famed for his Skill and Knowledge, not only in the Civil Law, but in the Laws of his Country, in which Science he has been ſurpaſſed by few, and in Equity and Juſtice by none. He was likewiſe, till the Union one of the Lords of the Juſtice, or Criminal Court, and one of the Lords of Privy Council and Exchequer, and Member of Parliament, from K. Charles's II. Reign to the above-mentioned Union, which he ſtrenuouſly oppoſed, and in the former Reigns, he was a bold Aſſerter of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Liberties of his Country; in all which Stations he demeaned and carried himſelf without the leaſt Tach or Blemiſh, &c. As he was a Gentleman eminently learned, eſpecially in the Law, which will probably afterwards be ſeen by his Writings. So likewiſe he was a Gentleman of extream Modeſty and Moderation to all who differed from him in Opinion. This Character of that learned and worthy Gentleman, is what his Country in juſtice will allow him; and which is not eaſy for an ordinary Pen to expreſs, and would ſurpaſs the Bounds of this Paper.

This learned Perſon and worthy Patriot, was interred in his Burial Place in the new Gray Friars Church. Aged 76.

At the Deſire of a near Friend the following Words are inſert.

N. B *Nor do I think there is Juſtice done to his Memory, in neglecting to have cauſed carry his Gowns before his Corps, in Regard that its well known, that his demitting both theſe Offices, proceeded from the Infirmities of his Body, in the one, not being able to travel, and from Age in the other; and conſequently ſince theſe were the Cauſes, he might be ſaid to die in theſe Offices: I am perſwaded, That this is what every Perſon of Honour and Senſe will homologate and agree to, and that none of the Honourable and learned Gentlemen of the Bench would have oppoſed it.*

## ADVERTISEMENT.

*** That on *Tueſday* the ſecond of *October* next, will be expoſed to Sale, by Way of public Roup, by the Ordinary on the Bills, an Tenement of Land, lying at the Foot of *Black frier* Wynd, ſometime belonging to *James Hodge* Brewer, conſiſting of ſeveral Lodgings, with Well, Malt-barn, good Cellars, and ſeveral other Conveniencies: The Rental, Progreſs, and Conditions of Roup are to be ſeen in the Hands of *Robert Scot* Extracter in Sir *John Dalrymple* Clerk his Office.

*** That there is to be ſold, the Tenement built upon the riſing Ground on the *North* Side of the *Moulter houſe hill*, conſiſting of two Lodgings all well box'd and painted, with a Flower Garden to each Lodging, and Office-houſes, and an Acre of incloſed Ground, and about Five hundred Trees lately planted upon the ſaid Ground, the ſaid Tenement, &c. pays of yearly Rent 30 Pound *Sterling*: The Condition of the Sale and the Progreſs, is to be ſeen in the Hands of *James Armor* Writer in *Edinburgh*.

†‡† Theſe are to give Notice, That upon *Friday* the 28th of *September* Inſtant, the Room of *Lochcoat*, Tiends and Pertinents, having a good Meadow and a Park incloſed with a Stone and Lime Dike, lying in the Parch of *Torphichin* and Sheriffdom of *Linlithgow*: Is to be ſet in Tack by Way of publick Roup, in the Houſe of *George Bell* late one of the Baillies of *Linlithgow*, at the Croſs of the ſaid Burgh, betwixt the Hour of Two and Three Afternoon. Who ever intends to offer at the Roup, may ſee the Conditions thereof, both in the Hands of *Andrew Crawford* of *Lochcoat*, Heritor of the ſaids Lands, his Houſe in *Linlithgow*, and in the Writing-chamber of *Alexander Guthrie* Writer to the Signet, on the *North-ſide* of the High Street, oppoſite to the Tolbooth